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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL,

15 Defendant.

**1:25-CR-2045-SAB**

INDICTMENT

Vio: 18 U.S.C. § 1855  
Timber Set Afire  
(Count 1)

18 U.S.C. § 844(f)  
Arson of Federal Property  
(Counts 2 – 7)

18 U.S.C. § 982, 18 U.S.C.  
§ 844, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)  
Forfeiture Allegations

21 The Grand Jury charges:

22 COUNT 1

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24 On or about May 15, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
25 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did willfully and without authority,  
26 set on fire any timber, underbrush, grass or other inflammable material upon an  
27 Indian reservation or lands belonging to or occupied by any tribe or group of Indians  
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1 under authority of the United States, or upon any Indian allotment while the title to  
2 the same shall be held in trust by the Government, to wit: land located near Hubbard  
3 Lane within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, in  
4 violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1855.  
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7 COUNT 2

8 On or about September 12, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
9 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
10 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
11 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located at Township 17N,  
12 Range 19E, Section 30, near State Route 821 Road (“the South Slope Fire”), which  
13 is in whole or in part owned or possessed by, or leased to, the United States or an  
14 institution or any department or agency thereof or any institution or organization  
15 receiving Federal financial assistance, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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20 COUNT 3

21 On or about September 12, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
22 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
23 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
24 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located at Township 14N,  
25 Range 19E, Section 4, near State Route 821 Road (“the Roza Slope Fire”), which is  
26 in whole or in part owned or possessed by, or leased to, the United States or an  
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1 institution or any department or agency thereof or any institution or organization  
2 receiving Federal financial assistance, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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4 COUNT 4

5 On or about June 14, 2024, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
6 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
7 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
8 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located approximately 7  
9 miles North by Northeast from Selah, Washington in Township 15, Range 19,  
10 Section 33 (“the Roza Fire”), which is in whole or in part owned or possessed by, or  
11 leased to, the United States or an institution or any department or agency thereof or  
12 any institution or organization receiving Federal financial assistance, in violation of  
13 18 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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18 COUNT 5

19 On or about June 14, 2024, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
20 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
21 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
22 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located approximately 7  
23 miles North by Northeast from Selah Washington in Township 14, Range 19,  
24 Section 4 (“the Yakima River Fire”), which is in whole or in part owned or possessed  
25 by, or leased to, the United States or an institution or any department or agency  
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1 thereof or any institution or organization receiving Federal financial assistance, in  
2 violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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4 COUNT 6

5 On or about September 3, 2024, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
6 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
7 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
8 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located adjacent to  
9 Burbank Creek Road (“the Burbank Creek Fire”), which is in whole or in part owned  
10 or possessed by, or leased to, the United States or an institution or any department  
11 or agency thereof or any institution or organization receiving Federal financial  
12 assistance, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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16 COUNT 7

17 On or about September 25, 2024, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
18 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL, did knowingly and maliciously  
19 damage or destroy, or did attempt to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an  
20 explosive, any personal or real property, to wit: wildlands located in an area within  
21 the Yakima Canyon and adjacent to Washington State Highway 821 (“the Selah  
22 Butte Fire”), land which is in whole or in part owned or possessed by, or leased to,  
23 the United States or an institution or any department or agency thereof or any  
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1 institution or organization receiving Federal financial assistance, in violation of 18  
2 U.S.C. § 844(f).  
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4 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

5 The allegations contained in this Indictment are hereby realleged and  
6 incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures.  
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8 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(B), upon conviction of an offense(s) in  
9 violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f), as set forth in Counts 2 – 7 of this Indictment, the  
10 Defendant, ZACHARY TYLER VANTUYL shall forfeit to the United States of  
11 America, any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained, directly or  
12 indirectly, as a result of such violation(s), and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 844(c) and  
13 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any explosive materials involved or used or intended to be  
14 used in the violation(s).  
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18 If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission  
19 of the Defendant:  
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- 21 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;  
22 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;  
23 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;  
24 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or  
25 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided  
26 without difficulty,

27 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property  
28 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1).

1 All pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 844(c) and 982(a)(2)(B), and 28 U.S.C. §  
2 2461(c).  
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4 Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.  
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